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In addition I will be contacting my Colorado Senators, Ben Nighthorse-Campbell and Wayne Allard, as well as my House reps to let them know of my opposition.

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am deeply troubled by the broadcast flags being considered. I urge the FCC to vote against the adoption of a broadcast flag. Please don't help the special interests kill fair-use.

As a professional in the high-tech industry, I am concerned that mandated regulations such as this will stifle innovation. Limitations like the broadcast flag will mean that many of the next 'big things' will not be developed in the US. Convergence is the greatest single opportunity for the computer industry -- let's not mandate away the economic and technological benefits that it promises.

I can think of many activities which I have personally done, that copy restrictions would have prevented. I have taped my son's favorite TV show to let him watch it at Grandma's house. I have videotaped a News program in which my father was interviewed and gave him a copy. I have extracted segments of toddler shows and put them on CD to make a roadtrip more tolerable. I have taken a videocassette with me on a trip, to take advantage of free time during vacation. I strongly believe that these activities should be protected.

Copyright should be respected, and content creators rewarded. The success of ventures such as Apple's iTunes demonstrates that this will happen, even if copy protections are not mandated. Technological improvements will offer financial returns to copyright holders as they have in the past. At the introduction of the VCR many feared that it would destroy the production of content -- the opposite turned out to be true.

The MPAA and others have argued that this measure will stop piracy. It won't. The chance of maintaining perfect security in an open system are zero. Those who want the illegal content will still get it. The only real outcome is that it will shift us law-abiding consumer into a pay-per-use world. That would be a very unfortunate unintended consequence.

Please keep the future open, and mandate an unrestricted standard.

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